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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL  
LETTER AND REQUEST FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT  
TO 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (a)**

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**PROCESS FOR PURIFICATION OF  
ZOLENDRONIC ACID**

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Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith for filing is an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2005 for the above-identified application.
2. Applicants hereby request a **three-month extension of time** to respond to the Office Action of February 22, 2005, which set a three-month period for response. The extended period for response expires on August 22, 2005. Please charge the three-month extension fee of **\$1,020.00** and any additional fees to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
3. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**:
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- E. Any additional post-patent processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20; or
- F. Any additional miscellaneous fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.21.

4. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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